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Proclamation declaring Tuesday, April 11, 2019 to be “*Caileigh Lynn McDowell Day*” in Allegheny County.

WHEREAS, The *Caileigh Lynn McDowell Foundation* was established in memory of *Ms. Caileigh Lynn McDowell*, a Woodland Hills High School student who passed away on April 2, 2016 at the age of 17, after tragic complications from undiagnosed Crohn’s disease; and

WHEREAS, The *Caileigh Lynn McDowell Foundation* works to transform political, social and economic systems and institutions to create a kinder, more equitable and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, *Caileigh* had a passion for advocacy, policymaking, unifying people, encouraging others, standing up for justice, sharing a smile and spreading kindness; and

WHEREAS, *Caileigh’s* tragic, unexpected death has created a community movement to remember and honor her goodness; and

WHEREAS, through 7 surgeries and 42 days in the hospital, *Caileigh* fought like a warrior; she displayed constant courage, resilience and strength. She serves as a true inspiration for the *Caileigh Lynn McDowell Foundation* programs which includes: PopUp Voter Registration events to help sign up new 18-year old voters in honor of her passion for voting; scholarships for students who find common group and intersectionality with others; the Live Like a Warrior and Kindness Movements, which encourages people to be kind to themselves and others. Also, encouraging others to find inner strength and conviction to make a difference for the better good with love, compassion, and unity, leaving someone with a smile; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, April 11, 2019, family, friends and supporters will pay tribute to *Caileigh* on her birthday;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Allegheny County Council Member Tom Baker, do hereby declare Tuesday, April 11, 2019 to be “*Caileigh Lynn McDowell Day*” in Allegheny County. This Council honors the life of Ms. Caileigh Lynn McDowell and urge residents of Allegheny County to observe this day with random acts of kindness.